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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know the special reasons for borrowing the services of Mr. Padmagirisa Ayyar from Government when several other qualified Brahmans were available from outside Government service for appointment as Commissioner of the Endowments Board?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The Government thought that the candidate selected by the Committee was too old and as it would take a considerable time to call for further recommendations or appoint a fresh committee, in the interests of the Board they appointed an official."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Is it not a fact that the Religious Endowments Board is not financially in a sound position and if so, what are the special reasons for appointing this officer at a cost of about Rs. 200 more than the maximum fixed for the pay of a Commissioner?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The special reasons are that he was a Government official and when a Government official is lent on foreign service he should be given a special pay."

Sanitary Engineering

Obligation on the part of municipalities to consult the Sanitary Engineer to Government in making appointments in the Works Department.

* 251 *Q.*—Mr. P. Ratnavelu Thevar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no person could be appointed to a post with a maximum salary of not less than Rs. 50 in the Public Works Department of a municipality except in consultation with the Sanitary Engineer to the Government?

A.—Yes.

Improvements to the water-works of the Coonoor Municipality.

* 252 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Coonoor Municipality has applied for a loan of two lakhs of rupees to improve its water-supply;

(*b*) whether the site for locating the water storage tank has been decided by the Council and whether it has been approved by the Sanitary Engineer;

(*c*) what the present storage capacity is of the two water tanks of this Municipality and what will be the storage capacity of the proposed one and whether the water-supply will be enough to meet the demand in view of the restricted supply during the season months this year; and

(*d*) whether the municipal council proposes to carry out the works departmentally or by contractors inviting tenders?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Sanitary Engineer reports that the site was tentatively fixed for the purpose of investigation and that the proposals are now under scrutiny in his office.

(*c*) The question as to whether the water-supply will be enough to meet the demand is reported to be under examination. No information is available regarding the present storage capacity of the two tanks or of the proposed one.

(*d*) This question does not arise at present.

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" Sir, in answer to clause (*c*) it is stated that 'no information is available regarding the present storage capacity of the two tanks or of the proposed one'. The answer to clause (*b*) says that 'the Sanitary Engineer reports that the site was tentatively fixed for the purpose of investigation and that the proposals are now under scrutiny in his office'. May I know whether the Sanitary Engineer has made his report without taking into account the present storage capacity?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The Sanitary Engineer has not yet completed his investigation. He has only reported that the site has been tentatively fixed. It is presumed that the present supply is insufficient and that is why proposals have been investigated to augment the supply."

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" May I ask when the final report on this matter will be received?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" It is not possible for me to give a definite date."

Proposals for a protected drinking water-supply to Rasipur from the Panamarathupatti reservoir.

* 253 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for providing a protected drinking water-supply to the town of Rasipur in Salem district from the Panamarathupatti Reservoir when Salem is to get its water-supply from Mettur;

(*b*) if so, what they are and at what stage they are; and

(*c*) what the source is of drinking water-supply now available to that town?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) It is reported that the town depends entirely upon well water for drinking purposes.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: " May I know, Sir, whether any representations have been received in this behalf?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I believe certain representations were received, but no proposals have been received from the local boards concerned."